Bridges Community Church

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Date: November 8, 2026 **Message:** The Resurrection of the Dead

Series: Miracles **Scripture:** John 5:19-29

Death is not the end:

Two types of forever:

What determines which type of forever:

What difference does that make today:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

John 5:19-29

1. Jesus describes a future in which everyone who has died will be raised. What thoughts or questions come to mind when you consider the possibility that death is not the end of our existence, but that we will live forever in resurrected bodies?
2. Whether we realize it or not, most of us look to something to reassure us that we're okay, that our lives matter, or that we've made it. What are some things people commonly look to for that kind of assurance? Why do those things have such a powerful influence on us?
3. Think about the things you most want to accomplish, the ways you want others to perceive you, or the standards you feel you need to meet. How might those things shape the person you're becoming over time?
4. Jesus speaks of two possible outcomes: resurrection to life and resurrection to judgment (John 5:28-29). What do you think makes the idea of standing before God in judgment uncomfortable for people? Is there anything about that idea that you find difficult?
5. Christianity teaches that we don't have to prove ourselves to God because Jesus has already done what we could never do for ourselves. He takes our sin and gives us His righteousness. What makes this different from the way we typically approach our own worth or acceptance?
6. Consider these two possible responses to the pressure to measure up: feeling crushed because we haven't done enough, or feeling superior because we believe we've done enough. Have you seen either of these tendencies in yourself? How can they affect our relationships with other people?
7. How might knowing that your worth and standing before God are secured by Jesus—not by your own accomplishments—make you both more confident and more humble? What might that look like in an ordinary situation this week?
8. John 5:29 connects the resurrection of life with those who have done good. How do we reconcile that with Jesus' statement in verse 24 that eternal life comes through simply believing? What is the relationship between trusting Jesus and living a life characterized by goodness?